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First Named Inventor or Application Identifying Number: Frank Butaric et al.
Title of Invention: AN IMPROVED STENT FOR USE IN A STENT GRAFT

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal (attached hereto in duplicate)
2. ☒ Specification - Total Pages: 23
Preferred arrangement set forth below:
 - ☒ - Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - ☒ - Cross References to Related Applications
 - ☐ - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - ☐ - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - ☒ - Background of the Invention
 - ☒ - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - ☒ - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - ☒ - Detailed Description
 - ☒ - Claim(s)
 - ☒ - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) [35 USC 113]-Total Sheets:17 (formal)
4. ☐ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☒ Executed (original)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application [37 CFR 1.63(d)]
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) & 1.33(b).
5. ☐ Incorporation by Reference
(Useable if box 4b is checked.)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from Which a copy of the oath and/or declaration is Supplied under box 4b, is considered as being part Of the disclosure of the accompanying application And is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☒ Assignment & Recordation Form Cover Sheet
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement for Terminal Disclaimer
(When there is an assignee.)
10. ☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 (COPY)
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
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